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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph numbers [0002], [0026], and [0027], with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0002] Handheld computing devices that include local area wireless capabilities may communicate with other computing devices using protocols or standards such as but not limited to ~~Bluetooth~~ BLUETOOTH wireless technology, IEEE 802.11 architecture, or other relevant technologies or standards. Local area wireless communications are typically between devices located proximate one another, such as within twenty meters. The communication signals sent between the computing devices are typically radio frequency (RF) signals but may also include infrared or ultrasonic signals.

[0026] Handheld computer 100 may also include local area wireless technology to permit wireless communication with other portable electronic devices and computing devices that have compatible communication technology. The local area wireless technology may be ~~Bluetooth~~ BLUETOOTH or IEEE 802.11 compatible, or may support yet another wireless communication protocol.

[0027] To support local area wireless communications, handheld computer 100 may include wireless connectivity software integrated into the operating system or stored in memory of handheld computer 100 or further added via an expansion card or transferred from another computer or computer system. Further, to effectuate local area communications, handheld computer 100 may include an RF transceiver 124, or other electromagnetic reception and transmission device. RF transceiver 124 may be provided on handheld computer 100 as part of an expansion card or may alternatively be integrated into handheld computer 100. Referring to FIG. 2, handheld computer 100 may transmit and receive local area wireless communications via infrared port 120. Expansion card 124, including an RF transceiver, may be installed in

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handheld computer 100 via an expansion slot 122 used to house expansion cards such as, but not limited to, secure digital (SD) cards. Referring to FIG. 3, one such expansion card 124 is shown disposed proximate expansion card slot 122. An installed expansion card 124 that may be used for local area wireless communications is depicted in FIG. 1. RF transceiver 124 may be a ~~Bluetooth~~ BLUETOOTH transceiver, an IEEE 802.11 transceiver, or any of a variety of other RF, VHF, UHF, ultrasonic, or other wireless transceiver devices.